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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Reply is responsive to the Office Action dated October 23, 2004 [Paper No. 20031022] and is submitted in conjunction with an appropriate petition for extension of time. Please amend the application as follows: